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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Attn: BOX PCT

Serial No. [NEW]

Docket No. 2001-1067A

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MAGNETIC RUBBER COMPOSITION
FOR ENCODER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In the interest of compact prosecution and to reduce PTO filing fees, please amend the
present application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 5 and 6 as follows:

5. (Amended) The magnetic rubber composition for encoder according to claim 1,
wherein the magnetic rubber composition for encoder further contains 0.1 to 10 parts of
vulcanization agent per 100 parts of hydrogenated nitrile butadiene rubber with 15 to 50% of
acrylonitrile amount and 80 to 99% of hydrogenation ratio.

6. (Amended) The magnetic rubber composition for an encoder according to claim 1,
wherein the magnetic rubber composition for encoder further contains 2 to 30 parts of carbon